Illegal Occupation of Railway Land

5011. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT "BACHDA": Will be Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are proposing to amend the existing provisions of Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act especially for the railway land; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Corruption in Delhi Police

5012. DR. ARVIND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is wide spread corruption in the Delhi Police;

(b) whether the Government propose to carry out any survey in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it has been widely acknowledged that the standard of living and assets of the staff and officer of the Delhi Police are generally more than their known sources of income; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken to combat this menace?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) to (d) There is no hard evidence available to conclude that there is widespread corruption in the Delhi Police or its personnel generally have a standard of living disproportionate to their known sources of income. However, in individual cases where the conduct of a police official is suspect, action is promptly taken to verify the allegations so as to bring the erring officials to book. During the current year (upto 31.7.96), cases under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 have been registered against 21 police personnel.

Boycott of National Celebrations

5013. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in some of the North-Eastern States, particularly Manipur, the people boycott the national celebrations on the 15 August and 26 January;

(b) if so, names of the North Eastern States where such an attitude has been adopted; and

(c) the steps Government intend to take to ensure that the non-cooperation of the concerned people is overcome and they celebrate the national days like the people in rest of the country?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) to (c) The people of the North-Eastern region, including Manipur, participate in the Republic Day and Independence Day celebrations. However, on some occasions, there is a call given by some insurgent or other groups to boycott such celebrations. Such calls generally do not evoke much response.

Pilferage of Vegetables and Fruits

5014. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted by the Mother Dairy's Fruits and Vegetables Unit to check pilferage of vegetables and fruits from the private trucks/matadors hired by them;

(b) the number of times during the past six months, the department have conducted secret raids to check such pilferage;

(c) whether the connivance of some officers of the Mother Dairy also exist in the pilferage of vegatables and fruits by the private trucks/matadors hired by them; and

(f) the fool prof system proposed to be adopted by the Mother Dairy to Completely eliminate the pilferage by private trucks/matadors owners/drivers?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Acknowledgement of the quantity etc. is taken from the driver while handing over fruit & vegetables for delivery at booths. The consessionaires at the booth give payment as per the quantity received by them. In case of any short delivery by transporter sale value of the shortage is recovered from transpoter and also penalty levied.

(b) In view of the system followed there is no need of conducting secret raids.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Not necessary in view of answer at (a).

Check on Drivers

5015. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fleet of Blue Line and Red Line Buses is responsible for the death of the office-goers, school childrens and injuring many others; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to check this menace?